

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP



**Fall/Winter
2017-2018**

The chill is in the air, darkness comes early and it is time for all the witches, ghosts and goblins to appear. Join us at Richland Township Community Park Boo-Barn for a night of spooky fun. Children should come dressed in their costume and can take part in pumpkin and cookie decorating, crafts, and games. As night draws near, come aboard the Spooky Hay Wagon for a ride through the park. Registration is required no later than Monday, October 16th. No phone registrations will be accepted. Designed for ages 1 - 8, but all are welcome.

Date: Sunday, October 22, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Richland Community Park Barn

Resident Fee: \$6.00 per child

Non- Resident Fee: \$8.00 per child



Tuesday, October 31, 2017

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Safety tips for a fun

Halloween

**Go Only To Houses You
Know.**

**Have Your Parents Check
Your Treats.**

**Wear White or Reflective
Clothing.**

**Throw Wrappers in the
Trash.**

Fall Back

Sunday, November 5th



Richland Residents...Savvy Citizen™ App is now available!

We would like to introduce you to **Savvy Citizen App**, a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the Township to provide you with useful updates, community news and event reminders directly on your smartphone or other devices. Notifications are populated by Township officials to assure the information is accurate. Residents may access the Savvy Citizen App by downloading the smartphone app or visiting the Savvy Citizen website.

As an added benefit, Savvy Citizen App is servicing our neighbors in Pine and Marshall Townships, so Richland residents can receive information from those communities as well. So register today, it's easy!

Visit:

SavvyCitizenApp.com or richland.pa.us

Register and become a savvy citizen!

Or download the app:



Community Document Shredding Day

Fall Foliage Cruise at Moraine State Park Sept. 9th—Oct. 28th

Come and observe
Western Pennsylvania's
colorful foliage reflected on the
lake.

Saturday and Sunday Fall
Foliage Cruises

11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., & 3:00
p.m.

Reservations advised



Discount Zoo
Tickets

Discounted Pittsburgh Zoo
tickets will be
available until the
beginning of December for
\$12.00



Ski Tickets

The Parks and
Recreation

Department will have
discounted Seven Springs
Ski Resort Tickets
available by the end of
November.

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cash Only

Out of Sight Shredding will
shred all your unwanted
documents for a small fee. This
company holds NAID AAA
Certification. Items will be
collected and placed in a secure
locked bin and then transported
back to the facility where they
will be destroyed. Off site
destruction of the documents
allows Out of Sight Shredding
to provide you with a lower fee
and provides unique
employment and job training
opportunities to the blind and
visually impaired, who are
employed at the facility, as
well as individuals with other
physical or mental disability.
They also provide employment

to veterans in positions that
cannot be filled by one of their
blind or disabled clients. For
more information visit:
www.destroy4good.com.

When: Saturday, November 4,
2017

Where: Richland Township
Municipal Building -Front Parking
Lot

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Bags and Containers
will be weighed @ .20/lb. By
the Box @ \$6.00 per box -
Based on a regular size banker
box 13" x 15.5" and \$9.00 per
box-based on a legal size
banker box 24.5" x 15.5".

Household Hazardous Waste Event by ECS&R Environmental Coordination Services & Recycling Inc.

When: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Time: 9 AM to 2 PM

Where: Richland Municipal Building, 4019 Dickey Road
ECS&R accepts: Cash, Credit Card or Checks.

ECS&R will be on site to collect: computers, printers, TV's,
household cleaning products, paints, gasoline, stains/finishes, light
bulbs, etc. For a complete list of items to be collected please visit:

www.ecsr.net or www.richland.pa.us.

***Pre-registration is required by calling ECS&R at
(866) 815-0016.** You will be given an appointment time to drop
off your items. During events, all residents are required to stay in
vehicles at all times. Residents may not help off-load.

ECS&R will do that for you.

ECS&R is a PA Dept. of Environmental Protection
permitted and bonded facility.

Costs of Service

All Household Hazardous Waste \$1.23/lb.
Universal Waste (i.e. Fluorescent bulbs, batteries) \$1.20/lb.
Mercury Containing devices \$6.35/lb.
All Tube/CRT Televisions and Monitors \$0.45/lb.
All Non-CRT Devices/Other Electronics \$0.25/lb.
Small Freon Containing Devices \$0.52lb.

Re-Use Your Fallen Leaves!

MULCH.

Using dead leaves as mulch in flower beds, vegetable gardens, and landscaping around your home will save you money and is a great method for preventing weeds and improve the health of your soil/yard.

Dead leaves are a great food source for microorganisms that keep the soil healthy. Fallen leaves also help soils retain moisture, and insulate sensitive plants from cold weather.

COMPOST.

Create your own organic rich soil by composting dead leaves. Combining dead leaves/"brown" waste in the fall season with grass clippings and other "green" waste in the spring and summer months will help produce nutrient-rich compost for your flower or vegetable gardens.

When you mulch or compost fall leaves, make sure to **shred** the leaves!



Reasons to re-use or bag fall leaves:

- ◆ Leaves can clog roof gutters and the street storm drains, causing flooding for you or your neighbors.
- ◆ Excess amounts of fallen leaves in a waterway is harmful for drinking water supplies, as when the leaves decompose/break down, they release chemicals that increase pollution levels in streams and rivers.
- ◆ Decomposing leaves also use up oxygen in the water, which can deprive fish and other aquatic organisms of their needed oxygen supply.

2017 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Wednesday, October 25th
(bagged leaves only)

Wednesday, November 15th
(bagged leaves only)

Wednesday, December 6th

*December 6th collection will include bagged garden residue, vegetative material and tree trimmings that are tied/bound branches no longer than 3" in diameter and do not exceed 48" in length. All bags must be out prior to 6 :00 a.m. on the day of pick up. All items/leaves must be in biodegradable paper bags for pick up. Plastic bags are NOT acceptable~ please limit each bag to 40 lbs. or less.



Line Dancing Class



This class will offer you fun, exercise and socializing all in an hour. In a line dance, everyone is doing the same steps at the same time. You can dance with a partner or without a partner. Ages 18 and up. Please wear leather soled shoes that will not mark the floor. **Deadline to register is Friday, February 23, 2018.**

When: Mondays beginning February 26, 2018.

Cost: \$55.00 - 10 week session

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Maximum Number: 15

Location: Richland Municipal Building Activity Room (Park in back of building)

Instructor: Holly Deemer

Richland Township Christmas Tree Pick Up

Christmas trees will be picked up at no extra cost to residents in the months of December and January. Trees can be no greater than six feet long and must be placed at the curb. Please remove tree from the plastic bag so it can be recycled!





Special Needs Winter Family Fun Day

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018

Recreation Alliance of North Pittsburgh will host Special Needs Winter Family Fun Day 2018. Free lunch from 12-1 PM, variety of games and cartoon themed crafts all beginning at 12 PM. Participants will be teamed with a buddy and volunteers will assist each participant. If you would like to volunteer for this event please email Pete.Geis@CranberryTownship.org. All proceeds benefit special needs programs.

Must have 15 pre-registered by Feb. 22nd.

SALVATION ARMY AND RICHLAND TOWNSHIP



"Treasures for Children"

Join us in our 16th year of participating in this wonderful event. The Richland Township Recreation Department will have tags available for you to **pick up after November 7th.** Visit our holiday tree located inside the Richland Township Municipal Building. Choose a tag which will include the gender and age of the child. Please consider a gift price

range of \$15-\$25, no gift cards or violent toys. Return all unwrapped gifts with the tag attached no later than **Friday, December 1st, by 4:30 p.m.** Thank you to everyone who continues to support this wonderful cause for the children of the Pittsburgh area.



BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Join us at **Atria's Restaurant on Sunday, November 26, 2017 for a special Brunch with Santa Claus.** Come and enjoy a buffet style brunch with Santa. We can't forget about Santa's reindeers. Children will be able to make some reindeer food while waiting to visit with Santa. Bring your cameras so you don't miss that special moment with Santa Claus! **Doors open at 10:00 a.m.**



First seating is at 10:00 a.m. Second seating is at 10:30 a.m.

Santa Arrives: 10:45 a.m. till 11: 45 a.m.

Cost: Adults: \$15.00 Children under 12: \$7.00

Gratuity is not included. Please remember your servers!

Please fill out the registration form found in this newsletter and return completed form along with the required fee, no later than Monday, November 20, 2017.

*** Register Early— Limited Seating Available.**

VALENTINE CHILDREN'S BINGO



Join us for an hour of bingo. Children will match objects on their cards for a chance to win prizes. All children will win numerous times! Seating is limited to 30 children. Parents of school age children are not required to stay for the duration of the game. In order to insure adequate supplies, register no later than Monday, February 5, 2018.

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Richland Township Municipal Building

Residents: \$4.00 Non-Resident Fee: \$6.00 Min./Max.: 15/30



**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP'S 24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!
SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DIAMOND LEVEL SPONSORS!**

**ARMSTRONG, CHATHAM UNIVERSITY, GOEHRING, RUTTER & BOEHM,
NEXTIER BANK, AND SHIELDS PAVING.**





Richland Township Community Park

Barn, Shelter, & Pavilion Rentals

May 10, 2018 - October 29, 2018 and May 9, 2019 - October 28, 2019.



Earliest Application Date	Event Month
May 1, 2018	May 2019
June 1, 2018	June 2019
July 2, 2018	July 2019
August 1, 2018	August 2019
September 4, 2018	September 2019
October 1, 2018	October 2019

1. The facilities at Richland Township are available for rental up to one year in advance on a first come, first serve basis.
2. Advanced reservations must be made in person at the Richland Township administration office. Payment is due at the time the application is made. No phone reservations will be taken. Payments are accepted in the form of cash, money order or check.
3. Applications will be accepted from both residents and non-residents. (A non-resident fee is still in effect.)
4. Visit www.Richland.pa.us for prices, pictures, floor plans and our online calendar.

Is your child riding safely in your vehicle? The leading cause of death and preventable injury for children in the United States is vehicle crashes. Having the right car seat for your child and using it properly could save your child's life or minimize their injuries from a crash. Unfortunately, over three quarters of all car seats are improperly installed, or improperly used.



Some common mistakes:

- Not harnessing the child properly.
- Adding items to the car seat that are not approved by the car seat manufacture.
- Graduating a child to a booster too soon. Children should ride in a five point harness as long as possible.
- Graduating a child out of a booster seat before they properly fit in the vehicle seatbelt.
- Letting a child ride in the front seat of a vehicle. The back seat is the safest place for a child due to the air bags.
- So how can you be sure your child is safe?
- It is recommended to have your car seat checked by a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. Each car seat check takes about 30 minutes. In that time you and the technician will go through proper installation in the vehicle, your harness system, proper fit for your child, when to graduate to the next step, check for recalls and much more.

Richland EMS offers free car seat checks by certified technicians by appointment. If you are interested in making an appointment please call Richland EMS at 724-443-3030 select ext. 2

WINTER IS RIGHT AROUND

THE CORNER



The Richland Township Public Works Department is responsible for the winter maintenance of approximately 69 miles of Township streets. Our 6 man crew does their best to keep those streets passable during winter storm conditions. In some storm situations this can be a daunting task.

You Can Help! Parking of vehicles on roadways during winter maintenance operations can make it very difficult for our trucks to maneuver and can result in some areas being unplowed or treated. Often we have to request assistance from the police department to get vehicles moved just so our trucks can travel through to complete their designated routes. This causes delays and can add to hazardous conditions. There is also the concern of one of our trucks sliding on untreated roadways and colliding with vehicles that are parked on the roadway. In addition, shoveling snow from your walk or driveway out on to the roadway can cause hazardous conditions. If the route has been plowed and treated, depending on conditions, it may not be re-treated or plowed for many hours. Snow that is pushed or shoveled onto the roadway can re-freeze creating traffic hazards as well as extra work for an already stretched crew.

Section 15408-C of The Township Code prohibits parking on any Township Roadways from November 1st thru April 15th.

Section 21405 of The Township Code prohibits shoveling or otherwise depositing of snow on Township Roads.

Your cooperation with these issues will greatly assist in our operations.

Richland Township

Department of Parks and Recreation

4019 Dickey Road Gibsonia, PA 15044

Phone: 724.443.5921 or Fax: 724.443.8860

mwilliams@richland.pa.us

Program Registration Form (PLEASE PRINT)

Please fill out a separate registration form for each program. Acceptance of registration form is based on availability and first come, first served basis as some programs are limited in size. Make all checks payable to Richland Township.

NSF Fee will be charged on all returned checks.

Are you a resident of Richland Township _____ Yes _____ NO Non-Township residents are subject to an additional fee.

How did you hear about this program: Check all that apply: Richland Website ____ Savvy Citizen ____ Newsletter ____ Other ____

Participant Name _____

Parent/ Guardian Name _____

(If participant is under 18)

Phone (H) _____ (Work/Cell) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Emergency Contact : _____ Phone (H) _____ (W/C) _____

E-Mail Address (This information is secure, it WILL NOT be shared): _____

Participant Name **Age** **Program** **Fee** **Date Paid**

Waiver: The participant and the participant's legal representatives, heirs, executors and assigns, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless Richland Township, its employees, and its elected and appointed officials, from and against any loss, claim, cost, damage, expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees and court costs, which may arise or result in any way from the participant's participation in any Richland Township sponsored event for the current year. All participants and their legal representative, heirs, executors and assigns are informed that any photograph taken by or on behalf of Richland Township at a scheduled Township event will become the property of Richland Township and all participants, their legal representatives, heirs, executors and assigns consent to the use of any such photographs for such things as Township-issued brochures, newsletters, other publications and the Township website. If you prefer that such photographs not be used by the Township, please contact the Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Melissa Williams.

Signature of Participant, Parent, or Guardian if under 18 _____ Date _____



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REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS:

Refunds and transfers will be granted only:

1. When a class or event is canceled by the Parks and Recreation Department due to low enrollment or other circumstances.
2. When a participant submits a refund or transfer request to the Parks and Recreation Department at least one week before the starting date of the program.

PROGRAM FEES:

Program Fees are determined by the cost of instructors, supplies, and expenses for the minimum enrollment. All fees collected support and finance the program.

Note: Some classes may require additional fees or supplies to be purchased by the participants.

RESIDENTS/NON- RESIDENTS:

A non – resident is considered anyone who lives outside Richland Township.

CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES:

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, postpone, change time, date, cost or location of programs, or make any revisions which may be necessary.

Need another program registration form:

Go to: www.Richland.pa.us

Click on Parks and Recreation

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide and maintain quality recreation facilities and services which are available to all residents of Richland Township. To make recreation decisions which are sustainable, economical, and environmentally sound. To provide recreational opportunities within the financial means of the community and to protect and preserve unique, natural areas of the Township.